

Illegal Arms in Bihar

1925. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacture of arms and use of country made weapons are a way of life in several parts in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that Bihar has a long tradition of guns availability in plenty; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to ask the State machinery to ban and control such illegal arms production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Although, a large quantity of illegal arms have been recovered in the State of Bihar during the last few years, this, however, cannot be described as a way of life prevalent in several part of Bihar.

(c) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the Constitution of India. As such, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to control such illegal arms production.

More Powers to the States

1926. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by Government to implement the Sarkaria Commission's recommendations;

(b) whether Government have decided to give more powers to the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to take any new programmes for giving more powers to the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) The Inter-State Council

has been deliberating upon the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission. Out of 247 recommendations made by the Sarkaria Commission decision has been taken by the Council on 171 recommendations. The recommendations of the Commission aim at developing harmonious Centre-State relations and giving more financial, administrative and legislative powers to States. The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on which Council has taken decision have been sent to Ministries/Departments concerned for implementation of the recommendations. The implementation of the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission is a continuous process.

Promotion of Hindi

†1927. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the official language Hindi is being neglected in various Government Departments;

(b) if so, what is the number of such Departments where cent percent correspondence is not made in Hindi; and

(c) whether Government would launch any comprehensive and integrated programme to promote Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) A Resolution on language Policy of Government was passed by both houses of the Parliament in December, 1967. In pursuance of its para I, for accelerating the propogation and promotion of Hindi and its progressive use for the various official purposes of the Union, an intensive and comprehensive "Annual Programme" is prepared by the Central Government and it is send to all Ministries, Departments, Offices for implementation. An "Annual Assessment Report" giving details of the measures taken and progress achieved in this regard is laid down on the Table of both

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